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PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICETRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.
024118-00013

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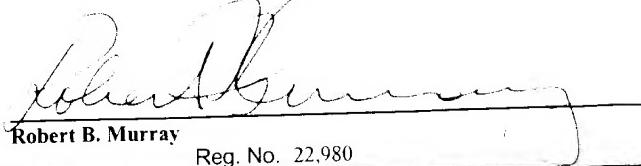
U.S. APPLN. NO.
(IF KNOWN, SEE 37 C.F.R. 1.5)
09/936,622INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.
PCT/FR00/00553INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE
March 6, 2000PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED
March 11, 1999TITLE OF INVENTION: USE OF SUPERABSORBENT POLYMERS FOR TREATMENT OF RAW HIDE, CORRESPONDING COMPOSITIONS
AND PROCESS, AND HIDES THUS TREATED

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: Jacques BROSSE and Bernard SABATIER

1. This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
(THE BASIC FILING FEE IS ATTACHED)
2. This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. This express request to begin national examination procedures [35 U.S.C. 371(f)] at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
4. A proper demand for International Preliminary Amendment was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
5. A copy of the International Application as filed [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)]
 - a. is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. A translation of the International Application into English [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)].
7. Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)]
 - a. are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. have not been made and will not be made.
8. A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)].
9. An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)].
10. A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)].

Items 11 - 16 below concern other document(s) or information included:

11. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98.
12. An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.
 A **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** preliminary amendment.
14. A substitute specification.
15. A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
16. Other items or information:
CHECK NO.
Drawings (sheets)

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17. <input type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:				CALCULATIONS	PTO USE ONLY
Basic National Fee [37 C.F.R. 1.492(a)(1)-(5)]:					
Search Report has been prepared by the EPO or JPO.....\$890.00					
International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 C.F.R. 1.482).\$710.00					
No international preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 C.F.R. 1.482) but international search fee paid to USPTO [37 C.F.R. 1.445(a)(2)]....\$740.00					
Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 C.F.R. 1.482) or international search fee [37 C.F.R. 1.445(a)(2)] paid to USPTO.....\$1,040.00					
International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 C.F.R. 1.482) and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(2)-(4).....\$ 100.00					
ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =		\$			
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date [37 C.F.R. 1.492(e)].		\$ 130.00			
Claims	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate		
Total Claims	- 20 =		X \$ 18.00	\$	
Independent Claims	- 3 =		X \$ 84.00	\$	
Multiple dependent claim(s) (if applicable)		+ \$280.00		\$	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =		\$			
Reduction by one-half for filing by small entity, if applicable. Verified Small Entity statement must also be filed. (Note 37 C.F.R. 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).		\$			
SUBTOTAL =		\$			
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later the <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date [37 C.F.R. 1.492(f)]. +		\$			
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =		\$			
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment [37 C.F.R. 1.21(h)]. The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 C.F.R. 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property +		\$ 40.00			
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =		\$ 170.00			
		Amount to be refunded		\$	
		Charged		\$	
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A check in the amount of \$170.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.				
b. <input type="checkbox"/>	Please charge my Deposit Account No. 01-2300 in the amount of \$ to cover the above fee.				
A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.					
c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-2300.				
NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 C.F.R. 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive [37 C.F.R. 1.137(a) or (b)] must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.					
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